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REPORT

TOPIC KVPD in Leipzig I

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

15 June to 11 July 1953

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31 July 1953

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REMARKS

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1. Only small elements of KVPD Leipzig I which was alerted during the June rebellion were employed against the riots. The total strength of the unit was about 1,800 VPs during the period from 15 June to 11 July.¹
2. The unit consisted of the headquarters, 4 infantry Kommandos, 1 artillery Kommando, 1 independent tank Kommando, special Kommandos Nos 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 and individual instruction platoons. The headquarters numbered about 50 VPs, predominantly officers. The first infantry Kommando consisted of about 80 VPs and was organized into 4 platoons. The S-1 unit had a strength of about 90 VPs and was equipped with between 50 and 60 motorcycles and sidecar motorcycles. The S-2 unit including the signal instruction platoon numbered about 180 VPs who received training in radio, voice radio and telephone operation. The S-3 unit consisted of about 60 VPs and the pertinent engineer instruction platoon numbered about 30 engineers. The S-3 unit was organized into the 1st Platoon, an engineer park platoon; the 2d Platoon, a bridge building platoon; the 3d Platoon, a reconnaissance platoon; and the 4th Platoon, a blasting platoon.¹
3. The S-3 unit was equipped with 6 pontoons, 4 assault boats, 4 Diesel pumps, 1 Diesel generator, 1 saw frame and 6 trucks [redacted] R-type and M-type bridge building equipment, 1 crane truck, 1 machine repair shop truck and 3 trucks [redacted] as well as additional engineer equipment were allegedly available and mobilization equipment. Construction of bridge sections was practised twice a week. Individual platoons also received special training.¹
4. The C Kommando which had been organized from the S-7 unit was equipped with 3 T-34/85 tanks, 2 SU-85 guns and 1 Ea-64 armored scout car. The artillery Kom ando which allegedly included also the former S-4 unit was equipped with 5 x 57-mm AT guns, 3 x 76-mm field guns, 2 x 122-mm field guns, 2 x 122-mm field howitzers and a German 50-mm AT gun. The strength of the artillery Kom ando was about 150 VPs.¹
5. The KVPD was equipped with between 70 and 80 trucks, about 60 sedans, 4 tank trucks, 3 ambulances, 2 track-laying vehicles and 2 or 3 jeeps. Other vehicles not used for training purposes were allegedly available for mobilization. A repair shop for weapons was available. Although no chemical warfare training had yet been conducted, gas masks were stored in the stock room.
6. Officers known [redacted] included: 25X1

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25X1 Colonel Hasse (fnu) Commanding officer, [redacted]
former air force major.²

25X1 Captain Herrmann (fnu) Tank instruction officer, [redacted]
[redacted] former parachuter officer.

25X1 Captain Krahle (fnu) Commanding officer of the first
Infantry Kommando [redacted]

25X1 Senior Lieutenant Stannes (fnu) PK officer with the first infantry
Kommando [redacted]

25X1 Lieutenant Kreuler (fnu) Deputy commanding officer of the
first infantry Kommando [redacted]

25X1 Captain Krisson (fnu) Commanding officer of the S-3 unit,
[redacted] former engineer officer.

25X1 Captain Zahnow (fnu) Engineer instruction officer [redacted]

25X1 Senior Lieutenant Zeiske (fnu) PK officer with the S-3 unit, [redacted]
formerly assigned to KVPD Leipzig II

25X1 Junior Lieutenant Boettge (fnu) Commanding officer of the 2d Platoon of
the S-3 unit [redacted]

25X1 Junior Lieutenant Reschke (fnu) Commanding officer of the 3d Platoon
of the S-3 unit [redacted]

25X1 Lieutenant Winter (fnu) Commanding officer of the 4th Platoon
of the S-3 unit, [redacted] allegedly a
former engineer officer

[redacted] Comment. KVPD Leipzig I is an infantry unit which was activated in April and
May 1953 and is subordinate to TV 6000 in Leipzig. The organization stated it valid
25X1 for all branches typical of a mixed KVP cadre unit, the infantry component,
however, forming the largest element.

[redacted] Comment. Deserters stated that Colonel Welz (fnu) who had been commanding
officer of KVPD Leipzig I had met with a motor vehicle accident in May 1953.
25X1 Colonel Hasse (fnu), his successor, probably was commanding officer at the tactics
officers school in Dessau-Kochstedt prior to the summer of 1953.

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